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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 10/056,407

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For: METHYLATED, SmD HOMOLOGOUS
PEPTIDES, REACTIVE WITH THE

ANTIBODIES FROM SERA OF LIVING BEINGS AFFECTED WITH SYSTEMIC

LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

Confirmation No.: 3304

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: ZEMAN, ROBERT A.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005. The due date following a three-month Extension of Time to Reply is May 16, 2006 and is within the six-month statutory period. Attached is a Request for Extension of Time to Reply.